

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H3652**

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TO:	The Honorable Robert Harrell, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Put Parents in Charge Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill enacts the "South Carolina Put Parents in Charge Act" by adding Chapter 18 to Title 12, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, so as to provide credits for certain taxes and license fees for tuition paid to public or independent schools, to provide credits for certain taxes and license fees for contributions to scholarship granting organizations, to provide for the regulation, registration, and reporting of scholarship granting organizations, and to provide for reporting and accountability of the implementation of this chapter.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

State Budget and Control Board (Board)

Article 9 of the Bill requires the Board to prepare annual reports and a long-term evaluation of the impact of this Bill. Although, Section 12-18-930 (C) of the Bill states the Board shall pay the cost of the evaluation from funds available to it for that purpose except that state funds must not be used to pay the cost of evaluation, no source of funds has been designated in the Bill for that purpose. Therefore, it is estimated there will be an annual cost to the General Fund of the State of \$412,510. This cost includes funding for five new positions and annual other operating cost of \$74,510.

The Department of Revenue

The Department of Revenue reports that implementation of this Bill will require approximately \$5,000 in the first year from the General Fund for form changes and programming costs, which the agency can absorb at its current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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